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Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheet attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figures 1 and 2 is being presented as a new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet. The drawings have been amended. Appended to this amendment is an annotated copy of the previous drawing sheets which have been marked to show changes presented in the replacement sheets of the drawings.

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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-14 are currently being amended to place them in more conventional U.S. format.

Claims 15-16 are being added to define additional preferred aspects of the invention.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-16 are now pending in this application.

In response to the objection to the drawings, corrected drawing sheets are submitted together with this response. Applicants are grateful for the errors in the drawings brought to their attention in the Office Action. It is believed that the drawings are now in full compliance with Office requirements.

Claims 1-14 have been amended to more clearly define the present invention. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-14 as being anticipated by Bokkers et al. is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Bokkers et al. appear to disclose a cooling module in which the pump is attached to the front (upstream with regard to air flow) surface of the fan housing. This arrangement is disadvantageous, in that the pump takes up unnecessary space on the fan housing and moreover requires the fan housing to have a reinforced structure (i.e., adding more weight) in order to suppress vibrations from the pump. According to amended claim 1, the module frame laterally surrounds a least a portion of the heat exchanger, and the pump is attached to the module frame in such a way that the pump is positioned beside the heat exchanger. This

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improved structure is not disclosed or taught in the Bokkers et al. reference, and consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection are believed to be in order.

New claims 15-16 are believed to be allowable at least for the reason that they depend from allowable claim 1, without regard to additional advantageous features recited in those claims.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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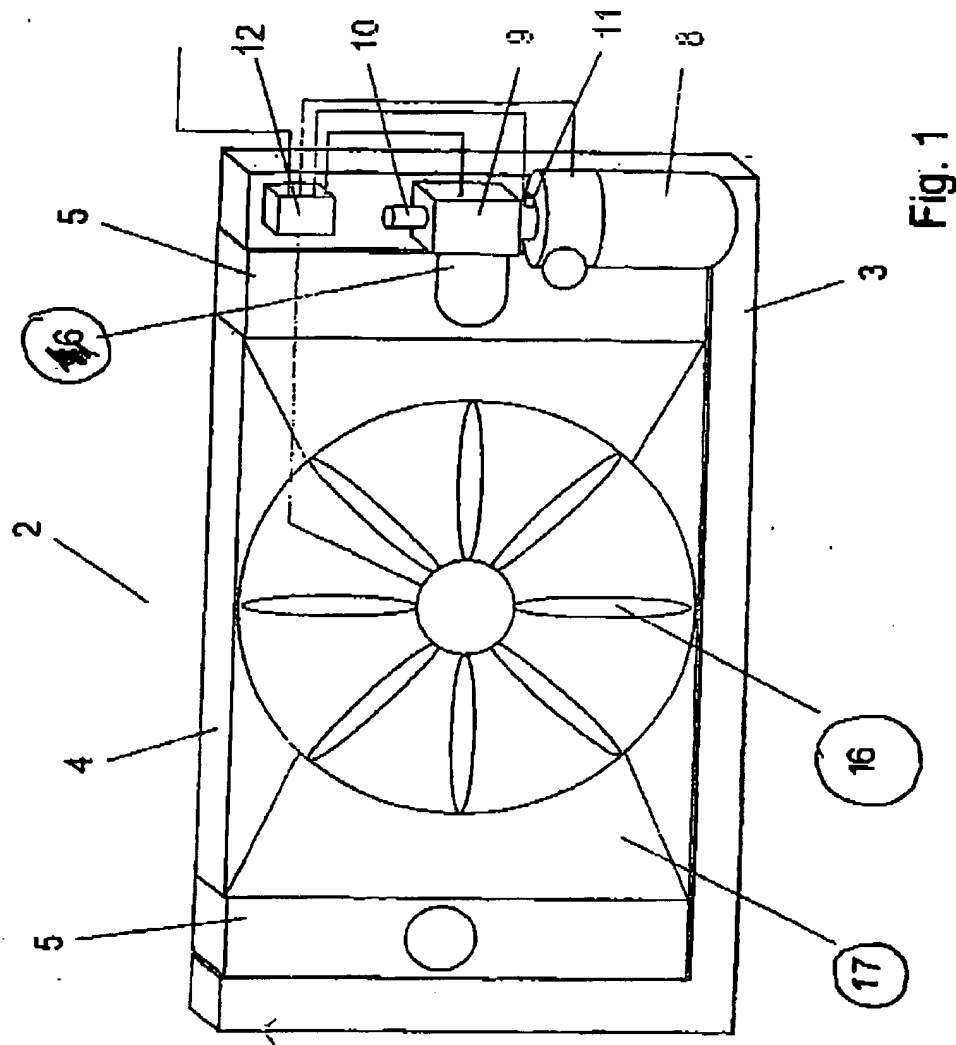


Fig. 1

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